(b) With the removal of quotas, Indian textile exports are expected to cross $ 15 billion in 2005-06. However, a reasonable estimation about India's exports during the year 2006-07 can be made only after the trends of global trade in textiles and clothing during the post quota period are available.

(c) and (d) Granting the drawback on the basis of weight has the effect of reducing the admissibility of drawback for finer varieties and increasing the admissibility for coarser varieties.

Establishment of handicraft cluster

†3078. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to establish the handicraft cluster in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) A scheme titled 'Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana' is already under implementatbn since 2001-02 for integrated development of handicrafts clusters in the country. So far 481 clusters have been taken up covering 1,55,440 artisans through the formation of 10751 Self Help Groups.

(c) An amount of Rs. 25.00 Crores is proposed to be spent under the scheme during 2005-06.

Textile group infrastructure scheme for Punjab

†3079. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes sanctioned under Textile Group Infrastructure Development Scheme for Punjab; and

(b) the details of amount likely to be spent for these schemes, location-wise in the State; and by when these are likely to be completed?

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THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No project has so far been sanctioned for Punjab under the Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Modernisation of NTC Mills

†3080. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering about modernization of textile mills owned by NTC in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government on modernization of textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) As per the Rehabilitation Schemes of subsidiaries of National Textile Corporation approved by BIFR, 53 mills are to be revived. However, since sale of assets has been delayed for want of permission from various State Governments, sufficient resources could not be mobilised from the sale of surplus assets. It has therefore been decided that 15 mills should be modernised at a cost of Rs. 318.83 crores and modernisation of other mills may be attempted through a strategic private partner.

Modernization of powerloom, handloom and textile units

†3081. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to modernize powerloom, handloom and textile units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have proposed any fund for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing the following schemes for the modernization of powerloom, handloom and textile units:

Powerloom	Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (TUFS); and Group Workshed Scheme (GWS).
Handloom	Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY)
Textile Units	Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (TUFS).

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